

# Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: John Wm Aird Home

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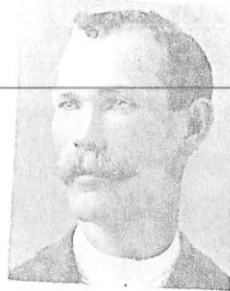
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Dr. John W. Aird

## DR. JOHN WILLIAM AIRD



Dr. John W. Aird was born Sept. 26, 1863 in Heber, Utah (Wasatch County). His parents were William and Elizabeth McLean Aird. They left Scotland March 18, 1853, and arrived in America May 10, 1853. It was through their conversion to the Mormon Church, that they decided to leave the old country where they were born and raised.

Later on, they felt that the Church had departed from its teachings as they had understood it in Scotland, and, as Dr. Aird expressed it, they couldn't bear to be hypocrites, they couldn't accept or practice polygamy.

Dr. Aird's father was a weaver of cloth by trade. He not only wove the cloth that made clothes for his family, but for many who lived in Heber at that time. The wool was furnished by John M. Murdoch, who cared for the community's sheep. As a child, Dr. Aird with his brothers and sisters hand-carded and spun the wool that made the yarn.

He was one of six children who were: William Thompson, Elizabeth and Sterart (twins), Janet Brown, Henry McLean, John William, and Grace Mary.

Dr. Aird spent his early schoolhood days in Heber. Then he later attended the University of Deseret, now known as the University of Utah. He taught school in Heber for five years. His greatest desire was to study medicine. His financial circumstances would not have enabled him to finance his medical education, had not friends loaned him the money. They were paid back with twelve percent interest. His brother, Henry, also helped him financially, and was teaching school in Heber at that time.

He wrote an article under the heading of "The Most Unforgettable Character I Have Ever Met." In it he pays the highest com-

pliments to Dr. John R. Parks, who was his teacher at the university.

He tells of how Dr. Parks inspired and stimulated him and contributes most of his success to him. He tells of how his teacher brought him out of the inferiority complex he had acquired during his earlier school days. They became life-long friends, and in his letters to other friends, passes on some of Dr. Park's philosophy such as having complete concentration in whatever one does; choosing for your life's work that which you think you are most adapted for, and that which you think will afford you the greatest satisfaction and pleasure, keeping the dollar sign well in the background. As he says "The dollar will take care of itself if you are happy in your work."

Dr. Aird and Emily McCauslin were married June 21, 1895. (She was originally from San Francisco, California). To them were born four children, William, Florabelle, John and Robert. John and Robert also became eminent physicians.

Dr. Aird practiced medicine and surgery for eight years in Heber. He was the only physician there for awhile; and there were times when he performed operations with the help of only one good practical nurse, and a friend who he had trained to give short anesthetics in emergency cases. He tells of drafting a neighbor to hold a coal-oil lamp for sufficient light in such cases.

He had many friends in Wasatch County who had complete faith and trust in him. He claims it was a lot through their cooperation that he was so successful in his work there.

There was the time of a bad diphtheria epidemic, and the Elisha Averett family were stricken. There were four of them in serious condition. Dr. Aird managed to obtain some anti-toxin from Denver, Colo., but found when it arrived there was only enough for two patients. He used good judgment when he divided it among the four. They all recovered very promptly. After that, as other exposed families were stricken, the doctor tells of how he kept the wires hot to both Denver and Omaha asking for the anti-toxin until the epidemic had subsided. He treated 93 cases in all, with only three deaths. He thought those three received it too late. A short time later Dr. Aird was asked by the State Medical Society to present a paper on the treatment of diphtheria with anti-toxin. It was not until about two

## John Wm Aird Brick Home

years later that the use of anti-toxin became general in the treatment of that dreaded disease.

He and his family moved to Provo, Utah, in 1901. He worked at the Provo General Hospital also known as the Aird Hospital and was chief surgeon for many years. He praises the other physicians, Dr. Robertson and Dr. Taylor and also the nurses whom he worked with most every day. He helped train many nurses.

He was the appointed consulting surgeon at the State Mental Hospital for many years.

His reputation as a physician and especially as a surgeon among his fellow workers can be found in the books under the titles of:

"The History of Utah Since Statehood"

"Who's Who in American Medicine."

"Who's Who Among Physicians and Surgeons."

"Who's Important in Medicine."

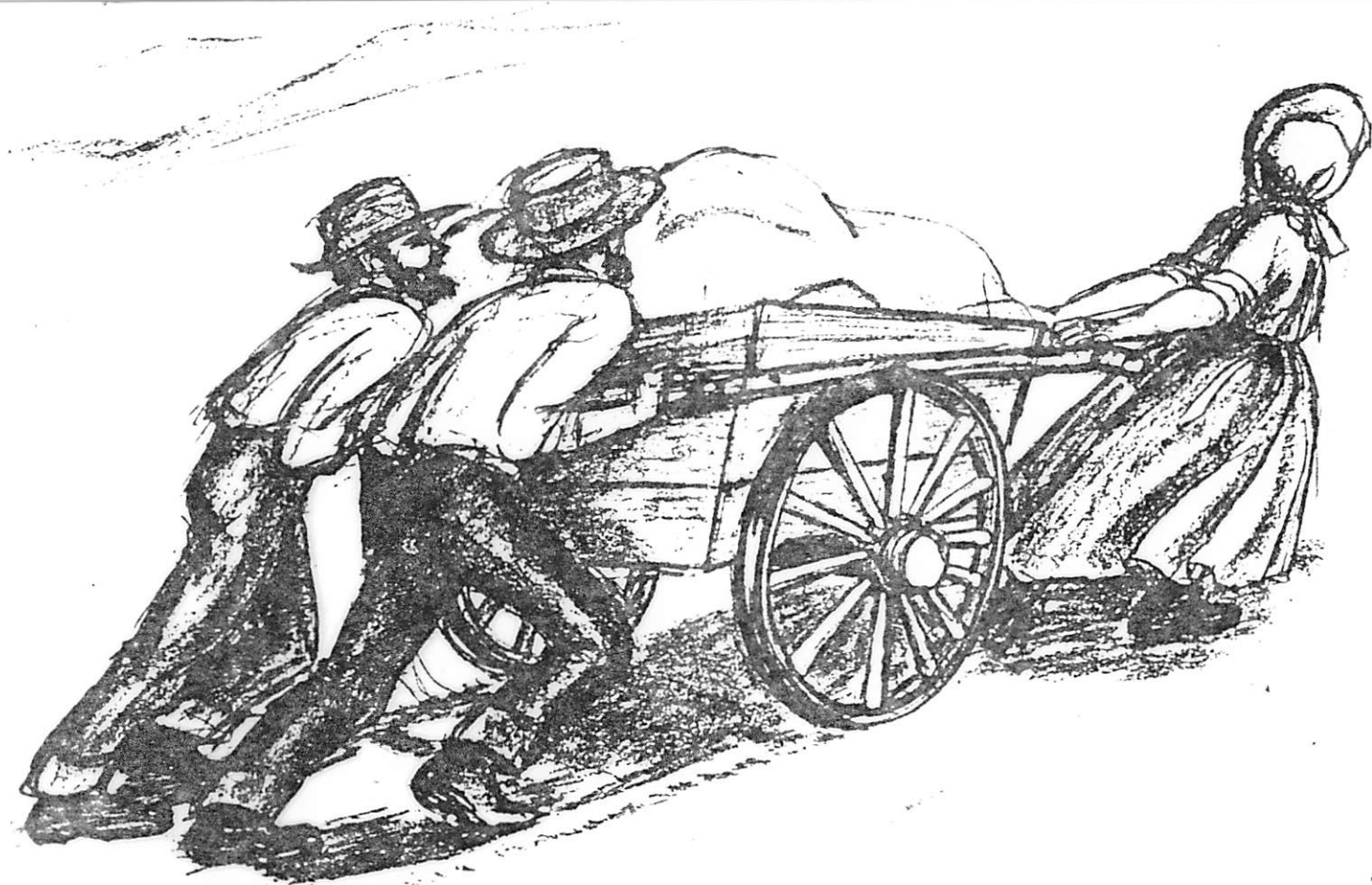
"The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography."

"The Biographical Encyclopaedia of the World."

Dr. Aird was not only considered a great physician and surgeon, but his many fine qualities as a man, endeared him to many dear and lasting friends among his associates, many who were patients, as well as among his fellow workers.

He lived in Provo over 40 years, and performed operations with a steady hand when he was well past 70 years of age.

After he retired, he and his wife moved to Long Beach, California, where he spent the remainder of his life. He lived to be 90. He died Oct. 15, 1953.



## WILLIAM AIRD

Wm. Aird, born March 3, 1821. Married Elizabeth McClean. Died July 4, 1889, in Heber, Utah.

Early in life, he was converted to the gospel, became an Elder in the Church, and did missionary work in his homeland.

In May of the same year, he and his wife emigrated to America, landing in New Orleans. From there they traveled by boat up the Mississippi River to Iowa, where they joined a handcart company of Saints and spent the next five months on the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City in October.

While residing in Salt Lake, three children were born to this pioneer couple—twins, Elizabeth and William (William, who died at the age of 7), and Janet.

They then were called to move to Spanish Fork, helping to establish that community. From there, they moved to Heber, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Another son, John, and a daughter, Grace, were born in Heber.

William was a weaver by trade and also followed farming and stock raising. He owned the first spinning wheel and loom in Wasatch County. His wife helped him spin and weave cloth to make clothes for their children as well as the people of the community.

The children likewise distinguished themselves by being active in Church and community affairs. Elizabeth married Gustaf Ludwig Anderson, a merchant and farmer of Heber. Henry taught school in Heber and then in Provo for many years. John W. became a prominent surgeon and physician, practicing in Heber and Provo. He was known throughout the state and nation for his outstanding contributions in the field of medical research. He married Emily McCauslin.

William Aird passed away July 4, 1889, at the age of 68. His life exemplifies that of the early pioneers in contributing greatly to the establishment and development of the West.

Children: Henry M., Dr. John W., Elizabeth, Janet and Grace.



Gustaf

Anderson Home

187 No 600 E Heber Utah

GUSTAF LUDVIG ANDERSON

Born Dec. 16, 1848, Halmstead, Sweden.  
Married Elizabeth Stewart Aird Aug. 11,  
1872.

~~Ludvig died May 23, 1922.~~

Elizabeth died Dec. 13, 1912.

His father, Lars, died when Ludvig was in his teens. In 1868 he, his mother and a brother emigrated to America. They settled in Heber and he became a member of the LDS Church.

He married Elizabeth Stewart Aird in Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 11, 1872. He was a farmer for several years, and owned a team of oxen that he used on his farm and to haul wood from the canyons. Later he was employed at the Abraham Hatch and Company. (Now the Heber City Exchange), where he worked for 30 years. It was often said that people could set their clocks and watches as he passed to and from work.

He was an honorable, kindly man with all the fine attributes of an early pioneer. He was particularly remembered for his love of the Christmas season, which he celebrated in the typical Swedish style.

Ludvig and his wife, Elizabeth were the parents of ten children, five boys and five girls.

His wife Elizabeth died December 13, 1912. Ludvig died May 23, 1927 at the age of 78 years.

Their ten children: Henry, Elizabeth,  
William, Edwin, James, John, Mary, Nellie,  
Grace and Isabel. 257

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Medical doctors who have practiced in Wasatch County



Dr. D. Moore Lindsay



Dr. Mary Greene



Dr. John W. Aird



Dr. W. R. Wherritt



Dr. J. Edwin Morton



Dr. H. Ray Hatch



Dr. Bert A. Dannenberg



Dr. T. A. Dannenberg



Dr. Karl O. Nielson

THE PROFESSIONS

Men of professional training have been influential in the growth and development of Heber City and deserve mention in this section. Their complete histories are included in the biographical sketches at the end of this section.

Medical doctors who practiced in the valley have included Dr. D. Moore Lindsay, Dr. J. W. Aird, Dr. Bert A. Dannenberg, Dr. J. Edwin Morton, Dr. W. R. Wherritt, Dr. H. Ray Hatch, Dr. T. A. Dannenberg, Dr. Karl O. Nielson, Dr. Willard Draper, Dr. Robert R. Green, Dr. J. Fred Bushnell, Dr. E. G. Wright, Dr. Jack Boggess and Dr. Ross E. Jensen.



THOMAS AND ELIZABETH  
NASH PHILLIPS



Thomas Phillips was born January 1, 1828 in Bodenham, Herefordshire, England, and there learned farming. In England he met and married Elizabeth Nash on October 11, 1852. She was born February 9, 1829 in Broomsgrove, Worstershire, England, and was baptized into the LDS Church in 1846. Elizabeth's mother, Mary Ann Barns Nash and her brother James Nash emigrated to Heber in 1863 and 1864, leaving her father and other members of the family in England.

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HARRY JAMES AND  
ELIZABETH ANN FOWERS  
PHILLIPS

Harry James Phillips was born March 2, 1869 in Tipton, Staffordshire, England, the youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth Nash Phillips. He came to America with his parents at the age of six, having attended school two years. He married Elizabeth Ann Fowers, June 15, 1898. She

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was born July 12, 1878 in Hooper, Utah, to John and Elizabeth Baird Fowers.

Young Harry traveled with his parents, brother Fred and sisters Rebecca and Jessie from England in 1875, arriving at Echo, Summit County on August 9, 1875. The family was met by William Ryan and taken to Heber where they endured a very hard winter of 1875 and 1876. Harry was able to attend school in Heber that first winter in the valley.

With only three years' formal schooling, Harry was able through diligent effort and a remarkable memory to attain a high degree of education. He never stopped studying and many would comment on his logical reasoning and brilliant mind.

After his father's accidental death in 1887 Harry operated the Phillips ranch for his mother until her death. He finished a beautiful two-story, four bedroom sandstone home and continued the prosperous cattle and farming business begun by his father. He later branched out into the sheep business also.

In 1905 Harry purchased the Dr. John W. Aird home in Heber and moved his wife and daughter Ruby Elizabeth and son Earl Harry there. From this home he conducted a profitable livestock business. Al Miller and John Daybell, two brothers-in-law, associated with him in the business and worked very harmoniously for some time.

For business reasons and to give their children the advantage of college training, Harry and Elizabeth moved to Provo in January of 1909. In 1919 he disposed of his extensive holdings in Lake Creek, Pole Canyon and Soapstone and discontinued the livestock business in Wasatch County. Throughout his days in the city, however, he never forgot that his greatest enjoyment was life as a cowboy, herding cattle in Wasatch County. When he died in Provo on June

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Lived in Dr John W

Aird Home from

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